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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CHANG ET AL.

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 8, 9 and 11-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-7, 10 and 14-16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-3, 8-9 and 11-13, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Applicant's Admitted Prior Art "*AAPA*" (*see the specification of the instant application pages 1-4*).

3. Claims 1, 8 and 12, *AAPA* teaches a chipset supporting multiple CPU's, comprising:

a first system logic circuit, applicable to the chipset and connected to a first type CPU
[*first system logic circuit 220 of Fig. 2, see the drawings of the instant application*];

a second system logic circuit, applicable to the chipset and connected to a second type CPU
[*second system logic circuit 230 of Fig. 2, see the drawings of the instant application*];

a double defined signal pin, used as a signal transmission pin [*pin 241 of Fig. 2, see the drawings of the instant application*];

an independent clock pin, coupled to the second system logic circuit as a clock signal pin, wherein the independent clock pin is isolated from other signal pins [*pin 251 of Fig. 2, see the drawings of the instant application*]; and

a multiplex switch circuit [switch 240 of Fig. 2, see the drawings of the instant application], coupled to the first system logic circuit, the second system logic circuit and the double defined clock pin for establishing a first connection between the first system logic circuit and the double defined clock pin, and for establishing a second connection between the second system logic circuit and the double defined clock pin wherein the first type CPU may transfer signals with the first system logic circuit via the first connection and the second type CPU may transfer signals with the second system logic circuit via the second connection [Fig. 2, see the drawings of the instant application and the specification pages 1-4].

4. Claims 2, 9 and 13, **AAPA** teaches the first type CPU includes a Pentium series CPU and the second type CPU includes an AMD series CPU [see the specification page 2, lines 20-22].

5. Claim 3, **AAPA** teaches a frequency transferred by the independent clock pin is higher than a frequency transferred by the double defined signal pin [see the specification page 2, line 16 thru page 3, line 4].

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 4-7, 10-11 and 14-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

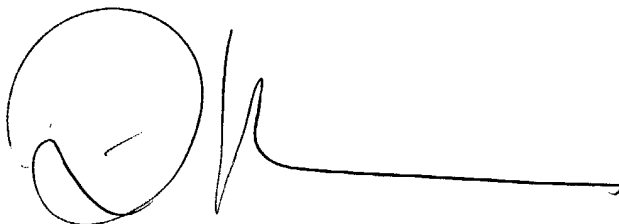
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to A Elamin whose telephone number is (703)305-3804. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-FRI 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynne Browne can be reached on (703) 308-1159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Art Unit 2116

August 14, 2004

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**A. ELAMIN
PRIMARY EXAMINER**